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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an organized system of reviews and ongoing  
2 repeal dates for programs and projects administered by  
3 executive branch departments.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8.71 Ongoing program review —  
2 repeal dates.

3 1. The general assembly finds that a regular review of  
4 the programs and projects administered by state government is  
5 necessary to determine whether each program and project is  
6 effectively and efficiently meeting the needs for which created  
7 and whether the needs remain in place. The general assembly  
8 further finds that a regular, systematic review process can  
9 identify the programs and projects that are no longer relevant  
10 or functioning at a desirable level and can eliminate or  
11 reorganize those programs and projects so that state resources  
12 can be used most effectively or diverted to other priorities.

13 2. The committees on state government of the senate  
14 and house of representatives shall propose legislation for  
15 consideration by the Eighty-fourth General Assembly, 2011  
16 Session, providing a staggered schedule for establishing an  
17 automatic repeal date for each program or project administered  
18 by a department of state government over the succeeding  
19 five-year period. The committees on state government shall  
20 consult with the office of the governor and the department  
21 of management in formulating the staggered schedule and the  
22 office and department shall cooperate in providing necessary  
23 information requested by either committee. The repeal date  
24 provisions shall be implemented in a manner so that any program  
25 or project that is reauthorized by law is again subject to  
26 automatic repeal five years after reauthorization.

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EXPLANATION

28 This bill addresses regular review of programs and projects  
29 administered by executive branch departments by providing for  
30 implementation of an organized system of ongoing repeal dates  
31 for the programs and projects. Code section 8.2 defines the  
32 term "department" to mean any executive department, commission,  
33 board, institution, bureau, office, or other agency of the  
34 state government, that uses, expends, or receives any state  
35 funds.

1 New Code section 8.71 states legislative findings as to  
2 the purposes for performing a regular review of programs and  
3 projects. The committees on state government of the senate and  
4 house of representatives are directed to propose legislation  
5 for the Eighty-fourth General Assembly, 2011 Session, providing  
6 a staggered schedule for establishing an automatic repeal  
7 date for each program or project administered by a department  
8 over the succeeding five-year period. The committees on  
9 state government are required to consult with the office of  
10 the governor and the department of management in formulating  
11 the staggered schedule and the office and the department are  
12 required to cooperate in providing information requested by  
13 either committee. The repeal date provisions are required to  
14 be implemented in a manner so that any program or project that  
15 is reauthorized by law is again subject to automatic repeal  
16 five years after reauthorization.